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"Transferred officers" in the Andhra Government offices located in Madras City.

* 1423 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11 a.m.

(*a*) the number of staff belonging to the Residuary State employed as transferees in the Andhra Government offices functioning in the Madras City such as the Board of Revenue and other offices;

(*b*) how many of them are permanent and how many are temporary officials of this State; and

(*c*) whether they will be absorbed in the Residuary State services at the time of the shifting of these offices from the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Seventeen Gazetted officers have been taken as 'transferred officers' for service in the Andhra Government offices located in Madras City. They are liable to transfer to other appropriate posts in the Andhra State so long as they are in the service of that State.

"(*b*) Thirteen Gazetted Officers are permanent and the remaining four are temporary. Of the Non-gazetted officers 52 are permanent while 63 are temporary.

"(*c*) Under Section 63 (5) of the Andhra State Act, 1953, a transferred officer is required to serve the Andhra State for two years but under the proviso to the above section the Government of Andhra may return any such officer to this State at any time before the expiration of the period of two years after giving three months' notice to him and to the Government of Madras. In the case of the permanent staff mentioned in clause (*b*) of the question, the staff will be absorbed in this State when they are reverted to this State by the Government of Andhra after giving due notice as prescribed in the Act. In the case of the temporary staff the question of absorption will depend not only on their reversion to this State but also on the availability of vacancies for their absorption."

Satyagraha by the workers of the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Pappinisseri.

* 1424 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Pappinisseri, have started Satyagraha before the mills to get the arrears of wages due to them; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?